MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: If you deduct 8,000 from 20,000 it must come to 12,000.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: Then do you mean to say that only Rs. 12,000 has been saved by the amalgamation.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: No. The Maramat Engineer is a permanent Executive Engineer of the P. W. D. and so has been taken back into the Department and the post declared supernumerary and since absorbed in the Department.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Was this amalgamation one of the reason to continue the post of the Deputy Chief Engineer?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: No, Sir.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know the amount that is now allotted for temple restoration is the amount that was sanctioned years ago?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I can't answer that now.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know whether this amalgamation is advantageous to the Devaswom Department or to the Government?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: The Devaswom Department is part of the Government and their interests are identical.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know from the member whether the Government is not a trustee of the Devaswom?

PRESIDENT: How can the Chief Engineer say whether the Government is or is not a trustee of the Devaswom?

Maintenance of the Karavila channel.

254. ***MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Tovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state what amount was spent for the maintenance of Karavila channel during the years 1109, 1110, 1111 and 1112?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: A *statement giving the information is laid on the table.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know why in 1109 the amount spent for the maintenance in the canal was very low?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Because much work was evidently not necessary then.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: Was there any complaint received by the Chief Engineer to the effect that the channel is not maintained properly?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes, there was a complaint.

Maintenance of the Krishnanputhoor Kal.

255. ***MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR:** Will the Government be pleased to state the amount spent for the maintenance of the "Krishnanputhoor Kal" in the years 1108, 1109, 1110, 1111 and 1112 and in the first half of the year 1113?

* *Vide* Appendix I Page 1050.

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT:

Year.	*Amount.*
1108	Rs. 541-9-6.
1109	Rs. 328-11-8.
1110	Rs. 564-18-15.
1111	Rs. 786-17-6.
1112	Rs. 636-2-9.
First half of 1113	Rs. 288-18-3.

Damage to Venneervila Punja field in the Kaviyoor pakuthi.

256. *MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the people of Kaviyoor have petitioned them praying for agricultural facilities in view of the damage caused to 50 and odd acres of Venneervila *Punja* field in the Kaviyoor pakuthi?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes.

MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU: വെണ്ണീർവിള പുഞ്ചപാടത്തിൽ കൃഷിപ്പിഴ വരാതിരിക്കത്തക്ക വണ്ണം പെരുമ്പടിതോട് നന്നാക്കണമെന്ന് ഗവണ്മെൻറ് വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: The petition referred to was regarding the price of land. The Sub-Divisional Officer has reported that the cost is prohibitive.

Representation for a V. M. School at Aryad.

257. *MR N. NARAYANA KURUP (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the people of Aryad South and its suburbs for the establishment of a Vernacular Middle School there;

(*b*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has been corresponding with the people or their representatives on that matter;

(*c*) whether any report has been called for from the Assistant Inspector of Schools of that District;

(*d*) if so, what it means; and

(*e*) why the prayer of the people was not granted this year?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: (*a*) Yes—the Director of Public Instruction.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes—through the Division Inspector.

(*d*) The usual enquiries were instituted.

(*e*) Want of accommodation and lack of funds for appointing more teachers.

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